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## **September is National Preparedness Month**

*State Agencies Partner for Joint Message*

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is joining more than 2,700 national, regional, state, and local organizations pledging in support of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security sponsorship of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Preparedness Month in September. The national effort encourages Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

Throughout September, IDHS will work with a wide variety of organizations, including local, state and federal government agencies and the private sector, to highlight the importance of family emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation.

"As we approach the seventh anniversary of 9-11, it is imperative for all of us to recognize the importance of emergency preparedness," said Joe Wainscott, executive director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). "We pay tribute to our first responders who are always prepared and are always encouraging others to prepare. I encourage all Hoosiers to review their emergency plans and make sure they know what to do in an emergency and where to go for help."

There are a few simple steps you and your family can take to become better prepared for an emergency: Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed and Get Involved.

For more information on National Preparedness Month, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.in.gov/dhs](http://www.in.gov/dhs).

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